

# THE STEEPLE



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

**SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
TIMES  
SUNDAY**  
(\* Nursery available)

8:00 a.m. Rite I  
Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.\* Rite II  
Holy Eucharist  
Children's Chapel

**WEDNESDAY**  
12:00 noon  
Holy Eucharist &  
Healing  
(Bibb Chapel)

**THURSDAY**  
6:00 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(Bibb Chapel)

## The Church of the Nativity

August 1, 2012

*The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity, as part of the family of God, is to proclaim and spread the word and work of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, by Eucharistic worship and by ministry to the world.*

### Olympian Dreams

The London Olympics have gotten off to a rousing start with dreams of gold becoming a reality by Olympians on Team USA. The Women's Gymnastic Team and Michael Phelps and other swimmers, Missy Franklin and Matt Greves, have brought home the gold while the world watched. With NBC's thousands of hours of coverage as well as breaking news on all fronts, how could we have failed to notice? But you might have missed the news on other USA gold medalists, skeet shooters Vincent Hancock and Kimberly Rhode as well as cyclist Kristen Armstrong. And we will miss the stories of hundreds of other athletes whose dreams have been just as strong throughout their lives. All of the athletes have their personal stories of years of hard work and discipline. They are all dreamers and they are all winners.

The Olympics Games are about hopes and dreams. As much as I am drawn to the coverage of the competition, I am drawn to the personal stories of the athletes. They are real people who have worked hard and overcome many obstacles to get where they are. Listening to the stories of Olympic champions, I am moved and inspired by their discipline and perseverance, but most of all by their hopes and dreams of doing something well, of offering their best to something.

Hearing their stories, we see that these dreams just didn't appear out of "nowhere". There is a common thread. Most athletes have had parents and coaches who saw the potential at an early age. Without a parent's dreaming and nurture, most of these young people wouldn't have caught the vision themselves and now be competing in the Olympics.

Knowing the potential and possibilities of life, parents dream dreams about their children having rewarding and productive lives. Parents dream dreams with the hope that their children will catch the vision, and ultimately, pick up the ball and run or jump in the pool on their own. For us at Nativity, the foundational dream for life is the dream of faith. A dream that we and our children know God's love and share it, loving our neighbor as ourselves. Our own stories then become stories of inspiration and healing and life for the world to know.

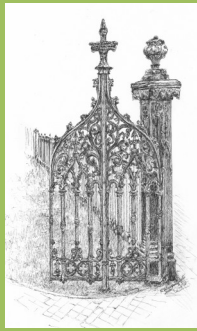
*Our dreams, our own and the dreams of those who mentor, love and support us, are important to the faith we hope to live each and every day.* Our own dreams start with God's dream and vision of a world filled with blessing for all. God's dream for all became incarnate, became flesh and real, in Jesus of Nazareth. And now God dreams that what was accomplished in Christ Jesus for all, would be known, lived and shared by those who follow him.

How are we making this dream a reality in our own lives? In the lives of our children? God promises blessing and love in abundance. Our inclusion in this dream means discipline and especially our showing up. Swimmers have to show up at the pool; runners at the track; basketball players on the courts; Christians at church and at those things the church does.

My deepest dream and desire as a priest, as the Rector of Nativity, is that all of us could know the incarnate reality of God's dream for us in Christ: from the oldest to the youngest. It will not happen without discipline and a commitment to showing up. I worry about those families who don't make their participation in this community of God's life and blessing a priority for themselves and their children. Even in the summer. I worry about many adults who only show up when it's convenient or when they need something. They could have so much more! They could have a sustaining faith, the knowledge of a love that holds them throughout life.

*So let us dream the dream of God. Let us be disciplined and show up! We all have a story to share about our lives. For we are all dreamers. And we can all be a blessing in Christ.*

*Andy +*



## 2012—2013 THE GREEN BOOK

Church of Nativity, Episcopal  
Information Guide &  
Church Directory

### Address changed? New phone or email address?

It is close to that time of the year to publish the Church Directory known as **The Green Book**. If your address, phone number, and/or email, etc. has changed since the last publication and if you have not updated please see below for contact information.

We will publish email addresses for those who have not opted from publishing the information.

**Directory updates email:** [linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org)

**Directory updates by phone:** call Linda at 256-533-2455

### Huntsville's History and Racial Reconciliation

On Sunday, August 12th, Nativity's Reconciliation Ministries will host an adult forum with Dr. Sonny Hereford. Dr. Hereford and his family were pivotal in the integration of Huntsville's schools during the Civil Rights movement, and he will share with us also his work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This event will take place from 11:15 - 12:15. Lunch will be provided for \$7, and childcare is available. Please make your reservation by calling the church office at 533-2455 or emailing [cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org)

### The Libba Walker Bible Study – Women's Wednesday Nights—will begin August 15th

*Getting to Know the Holy Spirit*, a study by Kathy Phillips—"In these lessons we will look into the Word of God to learn what the Bible teaches about this mysterious third person of the Trinity. We will see that He is literally all over the Scriptures, from the first chapter of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation."

Contact: Lane Tutt to register and to order your books 256-653-7200 or 256-533-2455.

Leaders: Jane Brocato, Sarah Gessler, Lane Tutt, Anne Robinson, Kay Wheeler

Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: Library, First Floor Joffrion Hall

### Hands of Francis Seven Weeks of Summer Snacks a BIG success

Seven weeks went by very quickly at the Oscar Mason Library. Thanks to a generous grant of \$1890.00 from the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, and a little help from the Outreach Contingency Fund, your Outreach Committee was able to provide a daily snack to the children who attended the Summer Programs offered at the Oscar Mason Library. The Oscar Mason Library Community (a/k/a Sparkman Homes), a Huntsville Housing Authority development, lies within the 35805 zip code of North Alabama. This area is traditionally one of the most economically depressed areas in North Alabama. Huntsville City data in 2010 showed that 36.4% of households in the 35805 area were below the level of poverty (state wide statistic is 17.4%.) In addition, 21% of these households were below the 50% level of the poverty in 2010 (state wide only 10.1%.) Many of the single parents in the community depend on the summer programs to act as an "ad hoc" day care when school is out for the summer. An average of 200 children from pre-school to middle school age attended age specific educational enrichment programs between June 4th and July 20th. Each child was provided with a snack each day that consisted of a juice box, granola bar, peanut butter and crackers, and a piece of fresh fruit. (fruit cups were offered for those children who were too young to handle whole fruit).



Yuki Lewis, Branch Manager of the Oscar Mason Library along with a small staff and community volunteers facilitated the daily programs. Nativity outreach volunteers, Lawren and Joe Cooper, Deborah Baker and Ernie Meinecke, and Lee Hicklen took turns purchasing and delivering the items every Monday morning. For many of these children, this "snack" was the only meal they received until their parent(s) returned home in the evenings.

## INTERCESSION REQUESTS and THANKSGIVINGS

### We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Skye Sampson, Bill Marsh, Dot Kitchens, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl, Joy Gass, Emile Joffrion, Eileen Sullivan, John, Nancy Kelly.

### We pray for the departed:

Kit Carlton, parishioner

Carol Ann Samples, sister of Nancy Cummings

Martha Ard Hartley, mother of John Hartley

### We pray for those deployed with the Military & Peace Corps:

Afghanistan: Lane Sampson-Jackson, Blake Lane

Bahrain: Jonathan Serwecki

The Gambia, W Africa: Marisa Benzle

### We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

8/5 Addison Duncan, Drew Dodgen, Catherine Kelly

8/6 Henry Kenner, Noah Huskey, Anna Post

8/9 Matthew Doty, Wilhelm Clardy

8/10 Gillianne Sharp

## Notification of Parishioner Deaths

If you would like to receive an email notification when a parishioner dies, contact Connie in the church office 256-533-2455 or [cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org)

## Jonathan Daniels Annual Pilgrimage, Saturday, August 11, 11:00 a.m.

### in Hayneville at the Lowndes County Courthouse Square (Lafayette and Washington St.)

Mark your calendars now to attend and be ready to travel. Look for information in July 18th newsletter from Nativity's Reconciliation Ministry regarding transportation from Huntsville.

This year's homilist will be Carolyn Maull McKinstry, author of *While the World Watched: A Birmingham Bombing Survivor Comes of Age During the Civil Rights Movement*. Carolyn will share her experience and insights during the pilgrimage that is sponsored by The Commission on Race Relations and the Diocese of Alabama.

Jonathan Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian who answered the call of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to help register African-American voters in Alabama. He was shot and killed on Aug. 20 1965, while shielding then 16-year-old Ruby Sales from a shotgun blast as she attempted to enter a store to buy something to drink. Daniels was added to the Episcopal Church Calendar of Saints and Martyrs in 1994 to be remembered each Aug. 14.

The pilgrimage begins at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012 at the Courthouse Square in Hayneville. The procession will go to the old county jail where Daniels and Sales were among those detained for a week and then will move to the old Cash Grocery Store where Daniels was killed. The pilgrimage will end at the Courthouse where a service of Holy Communion will take place in the courtroom and McKinstry will speak.

Contact the church office for van reservation to leave on Saturday morning from Nativity.

## THE RETURN OF "JUST STUFF IT"

After a long hiatus, we once again will have an opportunity to help the homeless with meal packs for First Stop Outreach teams. The stuffing brigade will assemble in the Library (1st Floor Joffrion) after the 10 o'clock service on August 5th. Come join the fun!

Bill Goodson

## Dear Church of the Nativity,

"Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1000.00 in the month of June. Your gift goes directly to the operations of our homeless assistance mission. This is the solo objective of the First Stop organization. With your help we remain dedicated to the day-to-day care and services of street homeless adults to insure their well being. We work with each of them to better themselves physically, mentally and financially. Our goal for each one is to prepare and move them into permanent housing directly from the street. In the last 12 months we have successfully housed 44 individuals, almost all of whom have remained in their new homes. First Stop depends on people like you to keep going on this vital mission to our community." Very appreciatively yours,

Danielle Clemons



## FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS HAP SUNDAY

**HAP needs Meats! Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Sweet Sue Chicken, Tuna and Meat Soups**

On Sunday August 5 let's fill the food bins to delight the HAP Clients. Their "entrée" shelves are empty. Huntsville Assistance Program food boxes depend on us!

The Greene Street Market is open each Thursday 4:00—8:00 p.m.



**Tomato Sandwich Day is Thursday, August 2!**

Come to the Market and enjoy a free tomato sandwich, the most southern of sandwiches, courtesy of Greene Street Market; tomatoes and bread provided by our vendors.

Come for Vegetables, Fruits, Greens, Cheeses, Breads, Prepared Foods, Soups & Crafts.

For Market Updates, Check Greene Street's on Facebook.



**TWICKENHAM Fest**

Venue: Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

When: August 24-26, 2012

Concert times: Friday and Saturday—7:30 p.m.

Sunday— 3:00 p.m.

*The Church of Nativity will not be taking calls for this event*

for information on this chamber series featuring Susanna Phillips, Matthew McDonald, and friends, please refer all inquires to Matt at 256-714-8680 or <http://twickenhamfest.org/home.html>

## Acolyte Schedule August 2012

### August 5

**8:00**

C Travis King  
T Anna Chilton  
T John Chilton  
S Spencer Anglin  
AS Jackson Anglin

**10:00**

C Patrick Quillen, Julie DiFranco  
T Hampton Shrout, Jordan Dunn  
T Stuart Evans, Jackson Grelier  
S Rachel Quillen  
AS Foster Shrout

### August 12

**8:00**

C Susan Purvis  
T Franklin Aldag  
T Hall Blake Bryant  
S Maria Caprio  
AS Cassidy Bates

**10:00**

C Scott Louis Miller, Hanly Ward  
T Emily Ellison, Evan Ellison  
T Windham Hunter, Karl Schneider  
S William Ellison  
AS Jordan Cozby

### August 19

**8:00**

C Laurel Sharp  
T Gillianne Sharp  
T Meredith Walker  
S Carter McDonald  
AS Robert Walker

**10:00**

C Rachel Quillen, Patrick Quillen  
T Emily Evans, John Sadler Evans,  
T Savannah Watson, Allison Taylor  
S John Laney  
AS Allie Starnes

### August 26

**8:00**

C Noelle Carter  
T Kate Noble Hall, Tindall Morring  
S Karsten Correale  
AS Alexander Young

**10:00**

C Mary Margaret Ragland  
T Leighton Luther, Neill Luther  
S Rachel Joffrion  
AS Powell Stockton

## Reflections Bible Study\* will begin August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in Joffrion 2 East

Study: *Stepping Up, a journey through the Psalms of Ascent* by Beth Moore

This class is designed for busy moms. \*Child care is available with prior notice. To register for the class please contact Betsy Ford at 256-650-3995.

## Nativity Summer Choir continues each Sunday

Summer choir is a great way to see what it is like to sing the service (and make new friends!) You will be warmly welcomed. A simple anthem and the service music will be rehearsed for the 10:00 a.m.\* Holy Eucharist service. Contact Suzanne if you have any questions about the choir!

## Youth News – The Steeple 8/01/12

**The youth are back from an AWESOME mission trip to New Orleans!!** We had a great time and everyone worked really hard. Please check out our youth website at [www.nativityyouth.org](http://www.nativityyouth.org) for all of our updates. I've broken the blog posts into many blog posts, and the first one is there for your reading pleasure. In the next Steeple we'll have a big ole update, including reflections from our youth.

We've got some great things going on this month and I hope to see lots of you there! Here's the breakdown of fun.....

**August 8<sup>th</sup> we'll be working at Manna House for the afternoon.** We'll meet up at 4:00 pm and should be done by 7:30 pm.

**August 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> is the Jonathan Daniels Lock In and Pilgrimage.** I HIGHLY suggest our youth to attend. This is a great way to learn about the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama and also one of the many roles the Episcopal Church played in the movement. It's an AWESOME experience. To sign up, go here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?pli=1&formkey=dHBUYIROYnF5R00wa01iUGcza1p5Wnc6MQ>. The lock-in is free, but please bring \$15 as a donation to help cover the costs of food.

**August 12<sup>th</sup> the youth are doing Lemonade in the Shade!** This is after the 10:00am service and it's super easy. Let's greet some folks after church, y'all!

**August 13<sup>th</sup> is Yogurt Monday!!!** We'll meet up at Yogurt Mountain at 4:00pm. You show up, and I'll buy yogurt. Pretty easy, right?

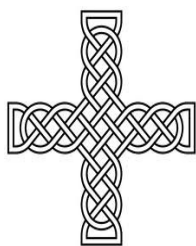
**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS!!** I want to provide the best programming at the best time for you, the parents, and I need your input. There is a handy dandy survey that would help out with making decisions for middle school youth gatherings on our youth website. You can also go here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6K52S2T>. This will help out SO MUCH and I can't wait to hear from all of you!

For more information about everything that we've got going on, please check out our youth website ([www.nativityyouth.org](http://www.nativityyouth.org)) and if you want to be on our email list, send me an email at [williams@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:williams@nativity-hsv.org).

I'll see y'all soon!

Peace, Liz

## Canterbury of Huntsville—an exciting new ministry for college students & young adult Episcopalians!



This group is dedicated to providing worship, service, and social opportunities specifically for college aged Episcopalians in Huntsville. We meet weekly at local restaurants for dinner and fellowship and monthly for larger events! **All are welcome!**

Join our Facebook page or group: Huntsville Episcopal Campus and Young Adult Ministries. for more information contact Emily Collette, at [emilycc@uab.edu](mailto:emilycc@uab.edu).

## Baptism Schedule for remaining of 2012

August 26 and November 4 To schedule a baptism, please contact Connie in the church office at 256-533-2455 or [cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org)

## STEEPLE SCHEDULE

The Steeple is published each 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

To submit events or articles, you may bring them to Linda Wheeler in the church office or email: [linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org)  
The deadline for the next issue is Monday noon, August 13.

### CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson  
Rector

The Rev'd Mary Anne Akin  
Associate

The Rev'd Brad Landry  
Associate

The Rev'd Jeannie Robison  
Deacon

Suzanne Purtee  
Organist/Choirmaster

Lane Tutt  
Adult Christian Formation

Liz Williams  
Youth Minister

Elizabeth Foster  
Children's Formation

Cassie Chenoweth  
Assistant Children's Formation

Audrey Clayton  
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Property Manager

Al Ford  
Sexton

Sally Stockton  
Kitchen Coordinator

Beverly Franklin  
Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

Connie Gadomski  
Worship & Ministry Assistant

Linda Wheeler  
Assistant to the Rector

Communication/Publication Admin  
Prentice White

Verger/Wedding Coordinator  
Vestry

Pat Goodson  
Senior Warden

Russ Alexander  
Junior Warden

Frederick Lanier  
Treasurer

Hannah Boon  
Clerk

### AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is on call each week. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the priest on call will respond to your message.

The number to call In Case of an Emergency Only is 256-533-7007. All other calls should be directed to church phone 256-533-2455 and follow the prompts to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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### Who do you want to recommend for Vestry?

The deadline for recommendations for the six new Vestry members for 2013-2015 is coming up soon--Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please help the Nominating Committee by letting us know who you think would be a good Vestry member. Just fill out the form below and place it in the box in Ridley. There are also more forms in Ridley.

Pat Goodson

### VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

NAME OF CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

What strengths would this person bring to the Vestry? \_\_\_\_\_

In what Parish activities has this person participated? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you discussed this with the person; if elected, would he/she agree to serve on the Nativity Vestry? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your input on this candidate. The Nominations Committee meets regularly to consider all proposed nominees and to ensure representative leadership from the entire Parish.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_